

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation application of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to, parent Application Serial No. 09/929,000, filed on August 15, 2001, which is currently pending.

The above preliminary amendment cancels Claims 1-5 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amends formerly dependent Claim 6 to recite features of independent Claim 1, from which the dependent claim had directly depended. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced via this amendment.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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